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SUBJ: EXECUTIVE TRAINING FOR GREEK NARCOTICS POLICE OFFICER

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1. WHILE GREECE IS NOT YET A SIGNIFICANT CONSUMING COUNTRY FOR ILLICIT NARCOTICS, OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING EVIDENCE THAT THE COUNTRY IS BEING USED BY INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

2. SINCE LAST SUMMER GREEK POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE SEIZED OVER 21 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN PLUS VERY SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF HASHISH AND HASHISH OIL. (WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THE SEIZURE OF 11 TONS OF HASHISH IN JANUARY 1977.) THE MAJOR HEROIN SEIZURES WERE A THREE KILO CONFISCATION FROM TRAFFICKERS WHO BELIEVED THEY WERE DEALING WITH A GROUP SENDING THE DRUGS TO THE UNITED STATES AND AN 18 KILO SEIZURE FROM A NETWORK RUNNING SOUTHEAST ASIAN HEROIN INTO THE NETHERLANDS.
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3. IN ADDITION TO NARCOTICS SEIZURES, GREEK POLICE HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT AT LEAST ONE LARGE AMERICAN TRAFFICKER IS NOW LIVING IN GREECE. MOREOVER, INVESTIGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES TEND TO CONFIRM THAT TRAFFICKERS ARE ALSO PLANNING TO USE GREECE, OR ARE IN FACT DOING SO, TO CONDUCT HEROIN SMUGGLING OPERATIONS INTO THE UNITED

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STATES. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRAFFICKERS
WILL CONTINUE TO USE GREECE AS A TRAFFICKERING POINT INTO EUROPE --
A USE THAT MAY PICK UP AS OTHER TRANSIT POINTS BECOME
MORE DIFFICULT.

4. THUS, WHILE THE PRECISE DIMENSIONS OF THE TRAFFICKING
THROUGH GREECE ARE NOT CERTAIN, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE
COUNTRY OFFERS AN ABUNDANCE OF LAND, SEA, AND AIR ROUTES
TO TRAFFICKERS. IT IS CLEARLY IN THE LONG TERM INTEREST
OF THE USG TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GREEK NARCOTICS CONTROL
EFFORTS WHILE BUILDING FURTHER ON THE ALREADY EFFECTIVE
RELATIONS BETWEEN GREEK NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
AND THE DEA.

5. THE ABOVE WERE THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT LED TO THE
ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO INVITE LT. COLONEL TZAMOURANIS TO
THE UNITED STATES. THE EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO
EVALUATE THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE MID-MANAGEMENT COURSE
OR THE EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR LT. COL.
TZAMOURANIS. HOWEVER, AS HEAD OF THE GENDARMERIE'S
NATIONAL NARCOTICS SERVICE (WHICH COVERS ALL
GREECE, EXCEPT FOR ATHENS PROPER, PIRAEUS, CORFU, AND
PATRAS), HE SEEMS TO HAVE A POSITION WELL ABOVE WHAT
NORMALLY WOULD BE CALLED MID-MANAGEMENT. THE SUGGEST-
ION THAT HE BE PROVIDED WITH EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION
TRAINING ORIGINATED WITH DEA REGIONAL OFFICE
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IN PARIS AND DEA ROME, BOTH OF WHICH ARE FAMILIAR
WITH THE VARIOUS DEA PROGRAMS. THUS, EMBASSY WOULD
WELCOME THE COMMENTS OF DEA PARIS AND ROME, BOTH ON
THE NARCOTICS SITUATION IN GREECE AND ON THE KIND OF
TRAINING THAT MIGHT MOST USEFULLY PROVIDED TO
TZAMOURANIS.
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